

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Route 82 (Morris Avenue) Bridge over Rahway River Bridge Replacement
Union and Springfield Townships, Union County
Public Information Center

Wednesday, September 23, 2015, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance transportation needs, the environment, community concerns and cost, will hold a **Public Information Center** to inform local residents, officials, and the business community about the proposed **Route 82 (Morris Avenue) Bridge over Rahway River Bridge Replacement Project**. You are encouraged to participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held at the **Union Township - Town Hall, 1976 Morris Avenue, Union on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm**. You will have an opportunity to review exhibits of the proposed project, ask questions and share information with NJDOT staff members.

Project Background

Route 82 (Morris Avenue) over the Rahway River is a Bridge Replacement Project. This project will seek to minimize traffic and community impacts during construction, improve hydraulic flow and alleviate flooding issues, and minimize impacts to environmentally sensitive areas, including historic districts, parklands and wetlands.

Construction Staging and Traffic Control

The new bridge will be built in stages to minimize traffic impacts. The bridge currently carries two (2) lanes of traffic in each direction. During demolition and construction over summer months – school recess from June to September – the bridge and will carry one (1) lane of traffic in each direction. Route 82 will then operate all lanes from September to June. A temporary bridge will be used throughout construction. Fabrication and pre-assembly of the new bridge will take place “offline”, or adjacent to the roadway, in order to allow full operation of all lanes throughout the majority of the two-year construction phase.

Stage 1: Two (2) lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained through this stage. The north side of the proposed bridge will be built during this stage and it will rest on temporary footings north of the existing bridge. This is expected to take place between September and June.

Stage 2: One (1) lane of traffic will be maintained during this stage on the north side of the existing bridge. Washington Avenue will be temporarily closed. The south side of the existing bridge will be closed while a temporary bridge is constructed in its place. This is expected to take place in June after school ends.

Stage 3: Route 82 traffic will shift onto the temporary bridge on the south side where there will be one (1) lane in each direction. Washington Avenue will remain temporarily closed. The north side of the existing bridge will be demolished and permanent footings will be constructed on the north side. This is expected to take place in July.

Stage 4: Traffic and striping on Route 82 will remain the same as it was in Stage 3. The new bridge will be moved into place onto the permanent footings and construction on the north side will be completed. The temporary footings will be demolished. This is expected to take place in the month of August.

Stage 5: Two (2) lanes of Route 82 westbound traffic will be shifted onto the newly constructed bridge and Two (2) lanes of Route 82 eastbound traffic will be shifted onto the temporary bridge. The south side of the proposed bridge will be built during this stage and will rest on temporary footings south of the existing bridge. This is expected to take place between September and June.

Stage 6: One (1) lane of traffic will be maintained during this stage on the newly constructed bridge. Washington Avenue will be temporarily closed. The south side of the existing bridge will be demolished and permanent footings will be constructed on the south side. This is expected to take place from June to July after school ends.

Stage 7: The south side of the proposed bridge will be moved into place on the permanent footings and construction on the south side of the bridge will be completed. The temporary footings will be demolished. Two (2) lanes of traffic in each direction on Route 82 will be restored onto the new bridge. This is expected to take place in the month of August.

Estimated Project Schedule

- Start Construction: September 2019
- Project Complete: August 2021

Web Site

<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/works/>

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